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COUNTRY <u>Czechoslovakia</u>	REPORT <u></u>
TOPIC <u>Military Exercise near Ostrava and Troops in Krnov and the Bruntal Area</u>	
EVALUATION <u></u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u></u>
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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED Information</u>	

1. In the last third of August 1953, an exercise several days long was held in the Ostrava (P 50/H 59) area. Reports of guns of various sizes were heard, at day and night, and occasionally also machine gun fire. At night numerous signal rockets went up over the area of the maneuvers. No practicing troops were either seen or mentioned by civilians. The exercise apparently involved no aircraft. It was unknown whether or not it was a major air defense maneuver. No gun emplacements were pinpointed.
2. Prior to September 1953, a large building site which included a very deep foundation trench was observed just south of the townhall and on the western bank of the Ostravice River in Ostrava. Between mid-July and mid-September 1953, concreting work was done at the bottom of the deep trench. Local residents said that a building which included a very large air raid shelter was under construction at the site.
3. In August 1953, a cantonment of 15 Czech soldiers was observed on the north side of the road to Opava (P 51/H 11), just at the exit from Krnov (P 51/H 11), where a tank repair shop had been located during the period of German occupation. In August 1953, about 15 Czech soldiers loitered about this area, which was also used to store sedans, motor vehicles including numerous sedans and trucks and four to six tanks.
4. In July and August 1953, Czech soldiers who wore red service color were billeted, apparently for a long period of time, in several villages west of Bruntal (P 50/H 99) which included Mala Moravka (Klein Mohrau, P 51/H 80), Velka and Mala Stahle (Gross and Klein Stohl, P 51/H 80), Harlov (Harlsdorf, P 51/H 80), and Harlova Studanka (Harlsorunn, P 51/H 80). In August 1953, only about 50 soldiers whose branch of service was unidentified were observed in the barracks installation on the road to Indelska Hora. (Engelsberg, P 51/H 80) on the northwestern perimeter of Bruntal.

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